

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

A particularly wet few days in school saw the disruption to our intended house events last week. Whilst we could not get outside and run the planned sports' events, children did still enjoy a very active week, with instead the focus placed on indoor multi-sports further detail about which is included later in this newsletter. These 'house' themed events will become a regular feature in the Boldmere calendar, with the next round scheduled for the Spring term.

As we approach the end of November, there is a definite hint of the magic of Christmas in the air currently. Our Christmas tree arrived this week and will be contribute to the festive 'look' of the school. The festive look of Boldmere will also be evident at this Friday's Christmas Fair that we look forward to seeing as many children as possible in attendance at. A reminder that the fair will run from 5.00pm – 7.00pm. In terms of the festive 'sound' of the school, our year four children are in the midst of rehearsing (and perfecting) their Christmas performance, ahead of parents and carers being invited in during the last week of term, a parent mail about which was shared recently. Next week will see the festive 'taste and smell' of Christmas in school, with our school Christmas dinner to be served. At the request of Dolce, our catering provider, **we have agreed to change the date of Christmas dinner to Thursday 8th December.** This will now be the date for both infants and juniors and is reflected on the school grid menu.

Continuing on the theme of Christmas, I would just like to share an important but sensitive message. The cost of living crisis is something that none of us can escape at the moment, evidenced in part by the parental contributions we have requested, and will continue to request, throughout the school year. We recognise for many, myself included, Christmas will be scaled back a little this year as we all feel the pinch. To this end, without wishing to sound in any way presumptuous, there is absolutely no expectation whatsoever for children to feel obliged or pressured into to buying gifts for school staff. From one sensitive message to another equally, if not even more important one. Just as is the case with adults, children will, on occasions, have fall-outs and disagreements. Whilst I understand that for parents it can be concerning to see and hear your child upset or aggrieved, any emotive reaction to this should be tempered, best done by speaking with school staff directly to learn of or seek a resolution to the issue. Under no circumstances is it ever acceptable for a parent or carer to confront or question another child about perceived issues. Naturally, children could find this intimidating and if anything, such challenge is only likely to escalate rather than resolve any issue. Respect and kindness are two of our core values and it is essential they are modelled at all times by all members of the community. Finally, to finish on a positive note, last week saw our Willersley Castle celebration evening where we took the opportunity to share with parents and carers the vast array of photographs and videos showing just how good a time our year six children had during their residential visit earlier this term. As was explained during the evening and again via ParentMail, we were hoping to make the photographs and short videos available for parents and carers, providing there were no objections. I am pleased to say there were no objections raised on the parent survey therefore these will all be made available, on the caveat they are for **personal use only** and not for sharing on any form of social media. At the suggestion of a parent, it was agreed that the use of a file sharing platform, likely Google Classroom, will be far more efficient than through saving the photos on individual memory sticks and is therefore what we will do. All being well, we will adopt a similar model for other future visits and school trips.

Christmas Post

Our Christmas Postal service will commence on Monday 5th December. What this really means is that we will have a post box near the school office where children can post cards to their friends and staff if they wish to. The post box will be emptied by some of Santa's elves (who just happen to be prefects) every couple of days or so.

Christmas at St Michaels

In a return to pre-Covid traditions, we will again be visiting the Church at St Michaels on the last day of term, Friday 16th December. Whilst there, Reverend Gary will lead a service and children will also sing carols.

Further details regarding the specific arrangements for this will be shared in due course but suffice to say, as was the case in the past, parents/carers are welcome to join us for the service.

Year 3 Maths Workshop

Year 3's Maths workshop will be **Thursday 1st December 9:15 to 10:45**. We warmly invite two adults per child to come and share in their child's learning!

Educational Visits Reminder

Please ensure payments are made via Parent Pay by the required deadlines to enable activities can go ahead.

Year 5 National Space Centre visit on Thursday 15th December

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential visit from 15th – 17th February 2023



Celebration Assembly w/c 28/11/22

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors and House point winners:

3U	Rohit
3P	Abigail
3M	Benjamin
4RW	Mason
4Q	Erin
4H	William

5W	Poppy
5CS	Khadija
5B	Jessica
6F	Milly
6J	Daniel
6PJ	Iman



Tweet of the week



Federation of Boldmere Schools
@BoldmereSchools

After a lot of hard work and a very long day, we now have four lovely big year group vegetable beds waiting to be planted! A little more work to be done to spread the wood chips around and it should look amazing! Huge thanks again to our amazing volunteers!



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Attendance

Last week's attendance for the school was 91.3%. Our target each week is 97%

The class with the best attendance and gaining their attendance leaf for our tree was 3M and 3P.

This terms standings for attendance are as follows:

Week	Class
Week 1	3U and 3P
Week 2	3M and 5W
Week 3	3M, 4QK and 5W
Week 4	6F
Week 5	3M, 6J and 6F
Week 6	3M and 6J
Week 7	3M
Week 8	3P
Week 9	3M
Week 10	3M and 3P

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL - BRING IT ON BRUM FREE ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT

Winter Holiday Clubs

Bring it on Brum! is running FREE activity clubs in Birmingham for those aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals during the school Christmas holiday. The majority of clubs will run for 4 days during the week Monday 19th to Friday 23rd December and a smaller number of clubs will run from Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th December 2022. Each child is eligible to attend a maximum of 4 sessions during the winter school holidays.

Activities include sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes will vary depending on the type and location of each local club, but every day there will be a nutritious meal served up for **free!**

For the Winter programme families of children eligible for free school meals can book online or take their code to access the holiday activities and food programme. Families can visit www.bringitonbrum.co.uk from **Monday 28th November** to book their children's free places, so they can take part in a local club and enjoy the mix of fun action-packed days and tasty food provided through the programme.

Please note HAF codes have been sent to eligible families via ParentMail today

Winter Food Boxes

This winter Bring it on Brum! are working with Morrisons to offer **FREE** recipe food boxes. One food box is available for each eligible household (not one per child). Eligible households must have at least one child or young person eligible for benefits-related free school meals living there.

Families can register for a free winter food box from Wednesday 23^d November; registrations will close on Wednesday 30th November 2022 or as soon as all food boxes have been allocated. More information on the food boxes, their contents and how to register can be found at: www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/activity-packs-and-food-boxes.

Activity Packs

Activity packs are also available for the winter school holiday; packs are available one per eligible child and are available for Primary or Secondary age.

Families can register for a free winter activity pack from Wednesday 23rd November; registrations close on Wednesday 7th December 2022 or as soon as all activity packs have been allocated. More information on the activity packs and how to register can be found at: www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/activity-packs-and-food-boxes.

Support Contact

For all queries related to the Holiday Activities Programme please contact Birminghamholidayactivities@streetgames.org

**Monday 19th
December
2022**

£5 PP
Pre-School
Children Free

**OVER
20
SPORTS
TO TRY**

**MORNING
SESSION
10am-
12noon**

**COMMUNITY
GAMES**
Fun and Inspiring

**AFTERNOON
SESSION
1pm-
3pm**

**WINTER
GAMES**

BMET COLLEGE, Lichfield Road,
The Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield,
Birmingham, B74 2NW

Tickets Available From – www.trybooking.co.uk/BZIA

Aspire Sports, BMet, UNITED BY BIRMINGHAM 2022, INSPIRE ACTIVITY

BUSY BODIES

December/January booking forms

Forms are now available for collection from a Busy Bodies member of staff, at the junior school reception or downloadable from our school's website. December forms must be returned by **Wednesday 30th November** and fees are **due in by Friday 2nd December**.

Please be aware that January booking forms are also attached to the December form with a letter explaining what you need to do. Ideally, we would appreciate January booking form to be returned with your December forms, and by 14th December should you prefer.

Please do not worry, payment for January fees are not expected to be in until Friday 6th January. In this instance we ask that parents/ carers take a picture of their forms, so that you are aware of how much fees are expected to be paid for January fees and your requested dates.

Thank you

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The proposed admissions arrangements for those Birmingham schools that are their own admission authorities and that have asked Birmingham City Council to facilitate the consultation on their behalf can now be viewed.

This consultation starts on **Monday 28 November 2022** and finishes on **Monday 9 January 2023**.

The proposed admissions arrangements can be viewed here: [Proposed admissions arrangements 2024/2025](#)

Any comments on the proposed admission arrangements can be made here at the Birmingham City Council consultation website during the consultation period: [Birmingham Beheard](#)

The above links will also be published on Birmingham City Council's 'Education' various social media sites.

Yours sincerely

School Admissions & Fair Access Service
Lancaster Circus

Postal Address: PO Box 16513, B2 2FF

Tel: 0121-303-1888

Email: admissionsconsultation@birmingham.gov.uk

Web: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Christmas Holiday Camp

We are delighted to be teaming up with The KSA Group for another fun filled, action packed holiday camp at Boldmere.

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd December

8am-6pm £20.00 per child per day

9am-3.30pm £18.00 per child per day

8am-12.30pm £12.00 per child per day

1.30pm-6pm £12.00 per child per day

For Boldmere parents only, there is a **Black Friday** deal which will end on Friday 2nd December at 8pm.

Further detail and booking information can be found at <https://www.theksagroup.co.uk/venues>

Diary Dates – school term dates 2022-2023

Wednesday 7th December

Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 8th December (REVISED DATE)

Children's Christmas Dinner

Friday 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

PTA Elfridges

Monday 12th December

Year 4 Christmas Production – Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 14th December

Year 4 Christmas Production - Evening performance 6:00-7:00pm

Thursday 15th December

Year 4 Christmas Production - Afternoon performance 2:00-3:00pm

Year 5 National Space Centre visit

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th December

Christmas Parties (One year group per day)

Friday 16th December

Children break up for the Christmas holidays

Afternoon church service at St Michael's

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Tuesday 3rd January

INSET day – school closed to children

Wednesday 4th January

Children return to school

Wednesday 15th February – Friday 17th February

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential

Friday 17th February

Children break-up for February half-term

Monday 27th February

Children return to school

Friday 31st March

Children break-up for Easter

Monday 17th April

Children return to school

Monday 1st May

May Day Bank Holiday – School closed

Monday 8th May

King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed

Friday 26th May

Children break-up for half-term

Monday 5th June

Children return to school

Friday 21st July

Children break-up for summer holidays

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July

INSET days – school closed to children

Boldmere Inclusion Base (BIB) News

Congratulations to:

Habiba in LK for demonstrating an enthusiastic attitude to transitioning across to her mainstream class.

Cole in ED/KM for showing our value of 'kindness' to his peers in class.

Thank you to PC Duncan Long for coming into the BIB to talk to us about Road Safety. Look out on Twitter for some of the photographs taken during the sessions.

Notices

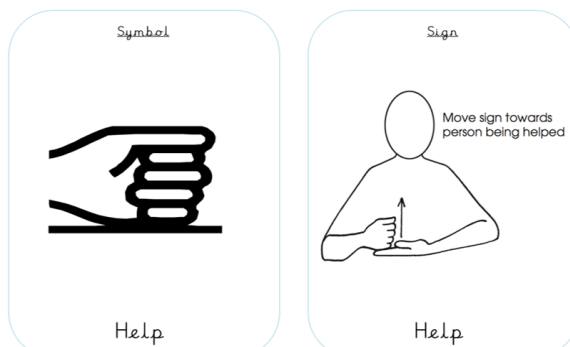
Thank you to all of the **Christmas Craft** reply slips. We are looking forward to seeing you all. Any outstanding ones please send into your child's teacher.

Friday 2nd December is non-school uniform day. This is in exchange for donations for Christmas School Fair. If you are able, please donate the following items:

- ◆ items of chocolate to be brought in on Wed 30th Nov or Thu 1st Dec for Chocolate tombola
- ◆ "lucky bags" will be sent home for children to decorate and fill with an unused gift item to the value of at least £1 please (bring in Fri 2nd Dec)

We have previously requested **photos** of our BIB children with their families. Thank you to those of you who have sent them in before. Please can I make a further plea for photos to come into us, even if you have sent one in previously. The Infant School have a small display board for 'BIB families' that is currently empty and it would be lovely to have some of our families represented.

Our new Makaton sign is help. Please practice with your child at home. See if you can spot Mrs. Dale on Twitter showing how to sign help.



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